GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1083
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001
AGRICULTURE LABOUR WELFARE FUND SCHEME
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister, while speaking at the 37th Indian Labour Conference in New Delhi on May 18, 2001, had announced that a Rs. 150 crore welfare fund scheme for agricultural labouers would begin from July, 2001;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether the said scheme has since been put into operation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (e): A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1083 FOR 30.07.2001 REGARDING AGRICULTURAL LABOUR WELFARE FUND RAISED BY SHIR NARESH PUGLIA.

(a) to (e): The Government has launched the `Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana - 2001` for agricultural workers from 1st July 2001. Under the aegis of the Ministry of Labour, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) will implement the Scheme. The following provisions of social security have been made under the Scheme:-

(a) Life-cum-accident insurance,
(b) Money back, and
(c) Pension and Superannuation benefits.

Agricultural workers in the age group of 18 years to 50 years are eligible under the Scheme. The worker will contribute Rs.1/- per day or Rs.365/- per year and the Government of India will pay Rs.2/- per day or Rs.730/- per year per beneficiary from the Social Security Fund under the Scheme. The benefits include lump sum payments on death/ death due to accident and also in case of permanent/partial disability. The workers will also get the benefit of pension per month on surviving upto the age of 60 years along with a lump sum payment to the family on death, the amounts depending on the age of entry to this Scheme.

Initially, the Scheme will be implemented in 50 districts. Keeping in view the performance of the Scheme during the fist phase and the availability funds, the Scheme will be extended to more districts thereafter. The process of identification of districts has been initiated.